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MAIN LEAD -- ROY GUTMAN FROM ST. GEORGES

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN CAME UNDER
ATTACK HERE TODAY FROM BRAZIL, WHICH CHARGED THAT THIS
TRADITIONAL CONCERN OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WAS BEING
SENSATIONALIZED FOR POLITICAL AIMS."

OTHER POINTS:

--- BRAZIL FONMIN SILVEIRA TOLD OAS TREND TO POLITICIZATION
WAS "LAMENTABLE."
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--- ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, CHILE AND NICARAGUA TOOK POSITIONS
SIMILAR TO BRAZIL'S, WHILE COSTA RICA, JAMAICA AND VENEZUELA
ENDORSED SECSTATE VANCE'S CALL FOR NEW COMMITMENT TO HUMAN
RIGHTS.

--- S OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT BRAZILIAN ATTACK;

THEY EXPECTED ANY REPLY TO VANCE STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE AT PRIVATE LUNCH AND NOT IN GEN'L ASSEMBLY. PRIVATELY, THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED BRAZIL HAD COORDINATED ITS ATTACK WITH CHILE, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND ARGENTINA.

--- COUNTERARGUMENT TO US VIEW HAS BEEN THAT TERRORISM POSES GREAT THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND NECESSITATES SOME RELAXATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. VANCE SAID THAT GOVTS WHICH ABANDON RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW "DESCEND INTO NETHER-WORLD OF THE TERRORIST." SUREST WAY TO ELIMINATE TERRORISM IS TO PROMOTE LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN OUR SOCIETIES.

SIDE STORY ON PANAMA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE REVIEWED THE STATE OF PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS TODAY WITH PANAMANIAN FONMIN REVILLA IN WHAT A U.S. SPOKESMAN CALLED A VERY FRANK DISCUSSION."

OTHER POINTS:

--- SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID CANAL TALKS ARE IN PERIOD OF "VERY INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS," AND THAT WHILE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, THERE WERE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS REMAINING.

--- CARTER SAID US AND PANAMA WOULD MAKE SEPARATE STATEMENTS LATER TODAY BUT SAID THIS DID NOT REPRESENT ANY DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS. OFFICIALS SAID THE TWO SIDES FELT THE NEED TO ADDRESS THEIR SEPARATE CONSTITUENCIES.
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JUAN WALTE FROM GRAND ANSE

LEAD: "THE US AND PANAMA, IN A BREAK WITH THE PAST, AGREED WEDNESDAY TO ISSUE SEPARATE STATEMENTS ON THEIR PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WHICH US OFFICIALS SAID HAVE REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE."

OTHER POINTS:

--- AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOLLOWING HOUR-LONG PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN SECSTATE VANCE AND PANAMANIAN FONMIN REVILLA.

--- SPOKESMAN CARTER CAUTIONED THAT A BREAKTHROUGH WAS NOT IMMINENT, AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES REMAINED.

--- IN PAST THREE OAS CONFERENCES, US AND PANAMA HAD ISSUED JOINT STATEMENTS ON CANAL TALKS. CARTER SAID NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO SEPARATE STATEMENTS. OTHER OFFICIALS SAID EACH SIDE HAS TO CONSIDER ITS OWN DOMESTIC SITUATION, WHICH INCLUDES CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION IN US.

--- VANCE ALSO MET FOR 30 MINUTES WITH COLOMBIAN FONMIN LIEVANO, DISCUSSING SUCH SUBJECTS AS TRADE, OAS REFORM, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND AMERICANS JAILED IN COLOMBIA. CARTER SAID THEY ALSO DISCUSSED US EFFORTS TO OBTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION AND STRENGTHENING OF IAHR. COLOMBIA SUPPORTS US ON BOTH.

AP COVERAGE CENTERS ON LATIN VIEWS; US MENTIONED ONLY TANGENTIALLY.
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HARRY REASONER: "SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE RAN INTO MORE OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN TODAY AT THE MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN GRENADA. BRAZIL'S FOREIGN MINISTER ACCUSED MR. CARTER OF USING THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE FOR POLITICAL AIMS. CHILE, ARGENTINA, AND TWO OTHER COUNTRIES SAID ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING LAST NIGHT. THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN WON THE SUPPORT OF VENEZUELA, JAMAICA, AND COSTA RICA."

NBC AND CBS CARRIED NO COVERAGE OF OAS MEETING.

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